QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Non-availability of Foodgrains in Bangalore

*Q.—46. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have received complaints about the non-availability of foodgrains such as rice, wheat and sugar in the Societies and Fair Price Depots in Bangalore ;

(b) the steps taken to relieve the situation ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(a) No complaints have been received so far as wheat and sugar are concerned. As regards rice, there were complaints of inadequate issues during the last week of February 1967 owing to unavoidable bottlenecks in the arrivals of rice. Immediate remedial action was taken to ensure that the consumers quota did not lapse.

(b) Bottlenecks in the transport of rice from the Districts to Bangalore City and also in the import of rice from Andhra Pradesh were removed.

CALLING ATTENTION MOTION

Re : WATERS IN THE LOWER CHANNELS OF K.R.S.

Sri N. A. CHANNE GOWDA (Pandavapur).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Public Works to the release of water in the lower channels of Krishnaraja Sagar.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).–Sir, water has been allowed in Chikkadevaraya Sagar Nala, Bangaradoddi and Viraja Nalas on the evening of 26th June 1967. A notification has also been issued by the Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagar. intimating the ryots that water will be made available to them from 27th June 1967.

In the river channels water was normally allowed from 10th June. But due to low flow in the river which was of the order of about 300 to 400 cusecs from 10th June to 25th June 1967, it was not possible to allow water into these river channels earlier as about 1,500 cusecs will be required for all these three channels.

Last year, water had been allowed into the river channels from 3rd July 1966 on account of insufficient flow in the river prior to 3rd July 1966. The letting out of water into these river channels from 27th June will not materially affect the ryots.